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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 09/734,758 filed December 13, 2000, now pending, which is a divisional of application Serial No. 09/150,206 filed September 9, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,188,544.

For (Title): METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING THIN-FILM MAGNETIC HEADBy (Inventors): Tetsuya MINO (Tokyo, Japan)

- 20 pages of Specification / Claims 1 - 4 / Abstract are attached.
- Drawings (Figs. 1-12 ; 5 sheets) are attached.
- A Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached.
- An assignment of the invention to TDK Corporation is attached, along with Form PTO-1595.
- A Preliminary Amendment is attached.
- Priority of Japanese Application No. 296461; filed October 15, 1997 is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.
- A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application was filed in the parent application Serial No. 09/150,206 on September 9, 1998.

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